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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Letter dated 20 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to refer to the "White Paper on Partnership for Peace and Prosperity: Britain and the Overseas Territories", which is mentioned in draft resolution VI contained in document A/58/23 (Part III).

In this connection, the Government of the Argentina Republic wishes to reiterate its rejection of the above-mentioned "White Paper" insofar as it refers to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and rejects the designation of these colonial Territories whose sovereignty is in dispute as Overseas Territories of the United Kingdom or any other similar designation, as well as any attempt to introduce unilateral changes in the situation while the sovereignty dispute is still unresolved.

The Argentine Government wishes once again to recall that the General Assembly adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25 in which it recognized the existence of a sovereignty dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with respect to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime spaces. In addition, the Assembly described the question as a special and particular colonial case which should be resolved through bilateral negotiations between the two Governments through the good offices of the Secretary-General, who should report to the General Assembly on the progress made.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its rights of sovereignty over the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime spaces, which are an integral part of its national territory.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a General Assembly document under agenda items 19 and 32.

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